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Sir:

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF OFFICE MISTAKE UNDER 37 CFR 1.322(b)

It is respectfully requested that a Certificate of Correction be issued for the above-identified U.S. Patent, correcting the filing date of the original PCT International Application No. PCT/GB00/02571.

This application was submitted as the U.S. National Phase of PCT/GB00/02571 on January 4, 2002. The transmittal letter to the U.S. designated/elected office under 35 USC §371 identified, using international format, the International filing date as 05/07/2000 (July 5, 2000) and the priority date as 08/07/1999 (July 8, 1999), respectively. Further, a preliminary amendment was filed together with the transmittal letter, amending page 1 of the specification to state "This application is the U.S. National Phase of International Application PCT/GB00/02571 filed 05 July 2000, which designated the U.S.". Thus, the transmittal letter and corresponding amendment clearly and properly provided the international filing date as July 5, 2000 and the

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priority date as July 8, 1999. Although the priority date claimed was properly entered by the U.S. Patent Office personnel in U.S. format as 07/08/1999 (July 8, 1999), due to apparent data entry error at the U.S. Patent Office, the filing date of the PCT international application was incorrectly entered by U.S. Patent Office personnel in U.S. format as 05/07/2000 (May 7, 2000), rather than the correct U.S. format date: 07/05/2000 (July 5, 2000). This data entry error was not discovered by the undersigned or the Examiner during prosecution of this application.

Thus, in the Patent as issued, the Section (22) incorrectly states the international filing date as being May 7, 2000 rather than July 5, 2000. It is therefore respectfully requested that a certificate of correction be issued correcting Section (22) to identify the international filing date as July 5, 2000. A suitable Form 1050 for use in connection with production of the Certificate of Correction is attached.

Because the above-noted error in the International Filing Date was a data error by the U.S. Patent Office, it is understood that no fee is due in respect to this Certificate of Correction Request.

Should there be any questions in regard to this request, please contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said letters patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

"(22) PCT Filed: May 7, 2000"

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--(22) PCT Filed: July 5, 2000--

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